

UNIT 2 | SESSION 4

Splash Pre K 12/1/24

A WIFE FOR ISAAC

GENESIS 24-25



CHRIST CONNECTION: God provided a wife for Isaac to know and love. God sent His servant—Jesus—to earth. Jesus died and rose again so people could know and love Him.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Who keeps His promises? God keeps His promises.

KEY PASSAGE: The LORD is good, and His love lasts forever. Psalm 100:5

STORY POINT: God gave Isaac a wife to keep His promises.



PREPARE

PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION

LEADER Bible Study

In Genesis 24-25, we find the next step in God's plan for Abraham: finding a wife for Isaac. The first verse reveals that God blessed Abraham in everything. Abraham had trusted in God, who had taken him from his native land and had sworn to provide for his every need. Now, he trusted God to fulfill the next step in His promises, believing God would guide his servant's steps in the search for Isaac's wife.

How do we see God's continued faithfulness to His promise in the story of Rebekah and Isaac? How can that encourage us today?

Abraham wanted to make sure his son's wife would be from his own land and people, not from the land of Canaan. So, he sent his trusted servant on a mission to find the wife God would provide. Prayerfully, the servant asked God for favor on this journey. But before he had finished asking God to bless him on this mission, God was already answering his prayer.

God had gone before Abraham's servant to provide for Isaac. The servant's immediate response to Rebekah's kindness was worship to the God who "has not withheld his kindness and faithfulness." Rebekah's family knew Abraham's servant had likewise been blessed by God and answered in response to this marriage proposal: "This is from the LORD; we have no choice in the matter." They trusted in God's goodness on their behalf and allowed His plans to unfold, just as He had spoken.

God's promise to bless Abraham hinged upon His provision of a wife for Isaac. Yet, God's provision is not contingent upon human reason or ability. God demonstrated His sovereign kindness to Abraham, his family, and his servant through fulfilling His Word to them. The same is true in God's plan of redemption; He provided the ultimate One we needed—Jesus—to fulfill the covenant He made in Genesis! Jesus was sent to us to be the Servant we needed to fulfill God's mission of restoring our relationship to Him.

Ask God to continue revealing Himself to those learning of Him through today's session. Pray that He would make His ways known to them, that redemption and salvation would take hold of their lives as they grow to understand His great love for them in Jesus.



PREPARE

THE WEEK PRIOR

Prepare your heart to teach; plan the session



WELCOME

10–15 MINUTES

Greet preschoolers and open the session



LEARN

25–30 MINUTES

Teach preschoolers the story of the gospel



LOVE

Lead preschoolers to love the God of the gospel

30–40 MINUTES



LIVE

Lead preschoolers to live the mission of the gospel



BONUS

60–65 MINUTES

Teach preschoolers for an additional hour



PREPARE

PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION

GATHER Supplies

Keep a supply of the following items available during all teaching sessions: Allergy Alert, Bibles, washable markers, crayons, scissors (adult use), blunt-tipped scissors, construction paper, copy paper, glue sticks, glue, tape, baby dolls, blocks, play dough, and a beanbag.



WELCOME

Spell with alphabet blocks

- ☐ Big Picture Question Poste
- ☐ Bible Story Picture Posterr
- ☐ alphabet blocks
- ☐ index cards
- ☐ bins



LEARN

Introduce the Bible story

- ☐ large bucket
- ☐ painter's tape
- ☐ 10 beanbags

Tell the Bible story

- ☐ "A Wife for Isaac" video (optional)

Review the Bible story

- ☐ large bucket

Learn and practice the key passage phrase

- ☐ Key Passage Phrase Marker



LOVE

Dress for a wedding

- ☐ strands of gold beads
- ☐ necktie
- ☐ artificial bouquet of flowers
- ☐ dress-up bridal veil

Draw water from a well

- ☐ Bible Story Picture Poster
- ☐ sand bucket with handle
- ☐ jump rope



LIVE

Make water droplet art

- ☐ water droppers
- ☐ foam plates
- ☐ food color, 4 varying colors
- ☐ plastic cups, 4
- ☐ art smocks

Missions activity

- ☐ "Reliant Church" missions video (optional)
- ☐ "McCormick Family Photo" printable

Snack and transition

- ☐ hand sanitizer (optional)
- ☐ "Match the Halves" activity page, 1 per child
- ☐ Big Picture Cards for Families



BONUS

Wedding photos

- ☐ Key Passage Phrase Marker
- ☐ photos of brides and grooms together

Say the key passage phrase

- ☐ Key Passage Phrase Marker

Ride and water camels

- ☐ jump ropes, 4 or 5
- ☐ several plastic buckets



WELCOME Preschoolers

Provide as many learning activities as possible from the Love and Live sections to give preschoolers choices to learn. Incorporate the Bible story, the Christ connection, and key passage phrase in your conversations as the preschoolers engage in learning activities throughout the session.

Use the following activity to greet children as they enter the classroom. Talk about the big picture question and answer. After each child completes the welcome activity, encourage him to participate in the activities provided from the Love and Live sections of the leader guide.

SPELL WITH ALPHABET BLOCKS

Using a marker, write in capital letters these words on index cards, one word per card: God, go, Abram, Lord, wife, Jesus, lamb, baby, boy. On a table place the alphabet blocks next to the prepared index cards. Lay out the Bible Story Picture Poster and the other bins of blocks. Display the Big Picture Question and Answer Poster. As children arrive, show them the table with the blocks. Direct each child to select a word card. Read the card to the child and ask him to find the letter on the blocks to spell the word on the card. As children spell, make a statement about the word he is spelling such as: "God changed Abram's name to Abraham"; "The Lord is good and His love lasts forever"; "God sent Jesus to save the world"; "God provided a lamb for an offering" and so forth. After the child has spelled a word, invite him to use the blocks to build anything from previous Bible stories.

SAY 🗨️ I am so glad that you are here today to learn about Jesus with me. What word did you spell?
[Allow responses.] We have been learning about a man named Abraham who loved and obeyed God. God made promises to Abraham, and we have been learning that **God keeps His promises.** 🗨️

* Who keeps His promises?

Worship songs

* Joy

* God is so Good

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LEARN the Bible Story

1 INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Place a bucket in the group time area. Make a line with painter's tape approximately two feet away from the bucket. Stack ten beanbags next to the tape line. Invite children to line up behind the tape line. Tell the children that their job is to quickly fill the bucket. Invite each child to take a quick turn tossing a beanbag in the bucket. As soon as all ten beanbags are in the bucket, invite preschoolers to take their seats.

SAY “It was a lot of work for us to fill our bucket with beanbags. Would it be a lot of work for us to fill our bucket with water? What if we had to fill it with water and then carry it someplace? In today's Bible story, somebody special is going to gather enough water from a well for ten camels. That's a lot of water!”



2 TELL THE BIBLE STORY Video

Open your Bible to Genesis 24–25. Tell the following Bible story using the provided storytelling points. You may choose to review the Bible story by showing the video.

A WIFE FOR ISAAC

SAY “Abraham asked his servant to find a wife for his son Isaac. Abraham said, “God will help you. He will send an angel ahead of you.”

The servant took 10 camels with him and went on a journey. He stopped at a well near a town. In the evenings, women would come to the well to get water.

The servant prayed. He said, “God, I will ask a woman for a drink of water. If she says she will give water to me and to many camels too, I will know she is the woman You want to be Isaac's wife.”

Before the servant finished his prayer, Rebekah walked up to the well. The servant said, “Please let me have a little water.” Rebekah said, “Drink, and I will get water for your camels too.” This was the woman God had chosen!

The servant gave gold jewelry to Rebekah. He knelt and worshiped God. Then the servant went to Rebekah's house. He met her father and her brother.

Rebekah and her family agreed that Rebekah should be Isaac's wife. Rebekah and the servant returned to the land of Canaan. Isaac loved Rebekah, and she became his wife.”

Christ Connection: God provided a wife for Isaac to know and love. God sent His servant—Jesus—to earth. Jesus died and rose again so people could know and love Him.



LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

3 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask children questions from the story. If they know the answer, they are to raise a hand and wait to be called on. Then, direct the child to pick up the bucket while answering. Questions to use: “Who did Abraham send to find a wife for Isaac?”; “How many camels did the servant take? Where did the servant stop? What did the servant pray? How would the servant know which woman would be Isaac’s wife?”; “What was the name of the woman who gave the servant some water?”; “What did the woman offer to give to the camels?”; “Who became Isaac’s wife?”

SAY 🗨️ Abraham’s servant went to find a wife for Isaac. The servant prayed that God would show him the woman who He wanted. The servant met Rebekah at a well and she agreed to be Isaac’s wife. **GOD GAVE ISAAC A WIFE TO KEEP HIS PROMISES. God keeps His promises.** God sent His servant—Jesus—to earth. Jesus died and rose again so people could know and love Him. 🗨️

4 SING A SONG

Sing the song to the familiar tune of “Here We Go ‘Round the Mulberry Bush”:

The Lord, the Lord, the Lord is good.
The Lord, the Lord, the Lord is good.
The Lord, the Lord, the Lord is good,
And His love lasts forever.

* “Forever” worship song

5 LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE



Place the Key Passage Phrase Marker at Psalm 100:5. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage phrase. Invite children to repeat the key passage phrase using a really high voice and then a really low voice.

SAY 🗨️ The key passage phrase tell us that God is good to us and He shows His love forever. God showed His love to Isaac by providing a wife. He showed His love to us by giving Jesus. 🗨️

6 PRAY

Pray, thanking God for sending Jesus to earth so that we can know and love Him.



LOVE

THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God because of what we learned

1 FOLLOW THE ANGEL



Show children four different-colored beanbags. Designate one of the beanbags as the angel. Invite children to close their eyes while you hide the beanbags in plain sight. Invite children to open their eyes, to find all four beanbags, and to bring them to you. Choose another color to be the angel and repeat the game.

SAY ☞ In our Bible story today, Abraham told his servant that God would help him find a wife by sending an angel ahead of him. The servant also prayed to God and asked Him to help him to know the woman that God wanted as Isaac's wife. When Rebekah offered water to the servant, the servant knew that she was the woman God had chosen for Isaac. **GOD GAVE ISAAC A WIFE TO KEEP HIS PROMISES.** God sent His servant—Jesus—to earth so people could know and love Him. ☞

2 DRESS FOR A WEDDING

Spread out gold beads, a necktie, and a veil on a table. Invite a child to dress for a wedding. Help a child to put on jewelry, veil, or necktie. Invite them to hold a bouquet or a Bible. As the child dresses, talk about a wedding. Ask the child to tell you if she has ever been to a wedding. Talk about how a wedding has a bride and a groom who love each other.

SAY ☞ It was time for Abraham's son to get married, so Abraham sent his servant on a journey to find a wife for Isaac. The servant prayed to God and asked God to show him the wife for Isaac, and God did just that. Abraham's servant knew that Rebekah was the woman God had chosen when she offered him water. The servant gave Rebekah gold jewelry. **GOD GAVE ISAAC A WIFE TO KEEP HIS PROMISES. God keeps His promises.** God sent His servant—Jesus—to earth. Jesus died and rose again so people could know and love Him. ☞

3 DRAW WATER FROM A WELL

Display the Bible Story Picture Poster. Tie a jump rope to a bucket's handle. Place the rope over the back of an adult-sized chair that is not a folding chair. Show children that you can raise and lower the bucket by pulling the rope. Point to the Bible Story Picture Poster and encourage children to take turns raising and lowering the bucket.

SAY ☞ Abraham's servant prayed and asked God to show him the woman God chose as Isaac's wife. When Rebekah offered water to the servant and to his camels, the servant knew that she was the wife for Isaac. Rebekah returned to the land of Canaan. Isaac loved her, and she became his wife. **GOD GAVE ISAAC A WIFE TO KEEP HIS PROMISES.** God sent His servant—Jesus—to earth. Jesus died and rose again so people could know and love Him. ☞

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**





THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LIVE for God out of love

1 MAKE WATER DROPLET ART

Before the session, use a permanent marker to write the key passage phrase on a half sheet of paper for each child. Place several drops of food color in each plastic cup creating 4 different cups of colored water. Distribute the prepared pieces of paper on a plate, a paint smock, and a water dropper to each child. Show children how to drop the colored water onto the paper with droppers. When the children have finished their water droplet creations, set papers aside to dry.

SAY “Do you remember what Rebekah offered to Abraham’s servant? [Allow responses.] Yes, water! God is so good. He was good to Abraham, to his servant, to Isaac, and He is good to us. He sent Jesus to earth to save us from our sins so that we can know and love God.”

2 MISSIONS ACTIVITY

Show preschoolers the “McCormick Family Photo.” Tell preschoolers to do some “game-ready” exercises with you. Lead preschoolers to do toe touches, backward walking, fast jumps, and knee hugs. You may preview or show the “Reliant Church” missions video.

SAY “Chris and Kayla McCormick and their children began Reliant Church in Brownsburg, Indiana, so they could tell people around Indianapolis about Jesus. This a fun place to live for people who love sports. The motor speedway is also nearby. Another fun place in Indianapolis is the world’s largest children’s museum. [Lead a prayer.]”

3 SNACK AND TRANSITION

Post an Allergy Alert. Serve the snack. As children eat, review and talk about the Bible story. When children finish their snack, lead them to complete the activity page. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

SAY “God provided a wife for Isaac to know and love. God sent His servant—Jesus—to earth. Jesus died and rose again so people could know and love Him.”

Remember to communicate helpful information to the bonus teaching hour leaders. If parents are picking up children at this time, tell them something their child did well during the session. Distribute Big Picture Cards for Families. Encourage parents to engage with the family discussion starters and family activities during the week.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**





BONUS Teaching Hour Group Time

1 WEDDING PHOTOS

Invite children to hold a friend's hand and walk to the group time area together. As children arrive, prompt them to be seated. When they are seated, show them the wedding photos. Ask them to tell you what is happening in the pictures. Point out the bride and the groom in each of the photos. Say to the children that in today's Bible story, a servant is going on a long journey to find someone special.

2 TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY

Open the Bible to Genesis 24–25. Use the summarized points below to talk about the Bible story.

A WIFE FOR ISAAC

- Abraham gave his servant an important job: to go and find a wife for Abraham's son, Isaac. Abraham told the servant, "God will help you."
- The servant took 10 camels and traveled toward another town. He stopped at a well where women would come to get water. The servant prayed and asked God to show him the woman who should be Isaac's wife.
- A woman named Rebekah came to the well. She gave water to the servant and to the camels. She was the woman God chose for Isaac.
- The servant gave gifts to Rebekah and her family. Rebekah went to meet Isaac. Isaac loved Rebekah, and she became his wife.

3 SING A SONG

Sing the song below to the tune of "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush":

The Lord, the Lord, the Lord is good.
The Lord, the Lord, the Lord is good.
The Lord, the Lord, the Lord is good,
And His love lasts forever.

4 SAY THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Phrase Marker at Psalm 100:5. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Invite children to say the key passage phrase after you in a really soft whisper. Challenge children to see who can say the verse the quietest.

5 PRAY

Pray, thanking God for reminding us over and over in the Bible how much He loves us.



BONUS Teaching Hour Activities

6 MATCH ITEMS

Select five common classroom items from around the room such as a marker, crayon, glue stick, block, playdough can, beanbag, small toy, and so forth. Hold up one of those items and guide preschoolers to find an item that is the same as the one that is in your hand. Hold up another item and direct children to find its match. Continue to play the game as time allows.

SAY “What kind of items did I ask you to find? [Allow responses.] In today’s Bible story, Abraham asked his servant to go and find a wife for his son Isaac. The servant prayed to God and asked God to help him find the right woman. God answered the servant’s prayer when Rebekah offered to give him and his camels some water. **GOD GAVE ISAAC A WIFE TO KEEP HIS PROMISES. God keeps His promises.**”

7 RIDE AND WATER CAMELS

Arrange four or five classroom chairs in a line. Tie both ends of the jump ropes to the backs of several of the chairs creating a bridle. Place the buckets next to the line of chairs. Invite a child to sit on chair and to pretend to ride a camel. Periodically prompt the children to use a bucket to pretend to give their camels some water.

SAY “Abraham’s servant took ten camels with him on a journey to find a wife for Isaac. He stopped at a well near a town. The servant prayed that God would show him the right woman to be Isaac’s wife. Rebekah offered water to the servant and water to his camels. This is how the servant knew that Rebekah was the woman God had chosen for Isaac. **GOD GAVE ISAAC A WIFE TO KEEP HIS PROMISES. God keeps His promises.** God sent His servant—Jesus—to earth. Jesus died and rose again so people could know and love Him.”

8 CARRY WATER

Fill a half-gallon jug with water and close tightly. Guide preschoolers to take turns carrying the jug to a designated well and back to a designated camel. As children make the trips, say the key passage phrase aloud together.

SAY “Was the water jug heavy? Do you think Rebekah was tired as she made the trips to water the servant’s camels? Rebekah showed kindness to the servant by working so hard to water the camels. The servant knew that **God keeps His promises** and showed him who should be Isaac’s wife.”

Release preschoolers to parents according to your church’s security procedure. Tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.